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ATA welcomes participants of the Aruba Annual Tourism Conference



ORANJESTAD -- Reportedly, Aruba is completely ready to receive the 65 international participants for this year's Aruba Annual Tourism Conference (ATCA) scheduled to take place from April 8th to the 10th. The participants are tour operators, local

and international airline representatives, local hotel representatives and from North America, as well as 30 local participants and the ATA team.

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Thatcher funeral set for next week in divided Britain

LONDON (AFP) - Britain's Queen Elizabeth II will lead mourners at next week's funeral of Margaret Thatcher, the first time the monarch will have attended the ceremony of one of her former prime ministers since Winston Churchill died in 1965.

Tributes from world leaders who hailed the role of the "Iron Lady" in bringing down communism kept flooding in as the British government announced that the funeral would be on Wednesday next week in London's St Paul's Cathedral.

Speculation mounted yesterday that former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and ex-US first lady Nancy Reagan would be invited to the ceremonial funeral, one step down from the state funeral given to Churchill, but the same honour afforded to the Queen Mother and to Princess Diana.

But "Maggie" remained as polarising in death as she did in life, with violence erupting at street parties celebrating the demise of a figure who critics say destroyed millions of lives with her free-market economic policies.

Thatcher, Britain's first female prime minister and longest serving premier of the 20th century, died on Monday aged 87 after suffering a stroke. She had suffered dementia for more than a decade.

Foreign Secretary William Hague, a fellow Conservative, told a briefing yesterday ahead of a meeting with G8 counterparts that Britain was grateful for the condolences from around the world.



Written messages from members of the public are pictured in a book of condolence at Grantham Museum in central England. (AFP)

"She was an inspiration to many people in other countries, not just this country, particularly people aspiring to their own freedom and democracy at a time they didn't have it, such as behind the Iron Curtain," Hague said.

Condolence books were set up at several British embassies around the world.

Pope Francis was among the latest to pay tribute to Thatcher, hailing her "promotion of freedom". Similar tributes have come from US President Barack Obama and dozens of current and former world leaders including her one-time Soviet adversary Gorbachev.

Current British Prime Minister David Cameron's office said the government had agreed during a meeting with Thatcher's family and Buckingham Palace that her funeral would take place next Wednesday, followed by a private cremation.

"A wide and diverse range of people and groups

with connections to Lady Thatcher will be invited," it said.

Thatcher's coffin will rest in the Houses of Parliament the night before the funeral and will be taken through the streets on a gun carriage to the cathedral with full military honours. Several Conservative lawmakers have called for her to receive a full state funeral but her spokesman Lord Tim Bell said Thatcher had specifically said such an observance was "not appropriate".

A private ambulance accompanied by police motorcycle outriders removed Thatcher's body early Tuesday from the luxury Ritz hotel in central London where she spent the last days of her life, an AFP photographer said.

Lawmakers have been recalled to parliament today to debate Thatcher's legacy and will vote on a motion paying tribute to her.



Chemnitz: AFP photo shows a pug standing behind crocuses on a field in Chemnitz, eastern Germany, on April 9, 2013. After a long and cold winter, first flowers blossom after temperatures raised to 4 degrees.

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The primary objective of ATCA is to offer the possibility to re-enforce information about Aruba to the executives and to continue improving our relationship with our partners with a focus on opportunities that would enrich our tourism market.

The official opening will took place at Plasa Turismo where Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber together with ATA CEO, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes welcomed all participants to this year's 2013 ATCA conference. The evening was dedicated to a cultural event specially prepared for our guests. They all enjoyed the evening on the recently opened Linear Park.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the "Marketplace" will be held at the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort and the Renaissance Convention Center. Here is where important encounters will take place between local and international partners, affording business opportunities and the amplification of possibilities for the next tourism season.

Participants to this year's ATCA conference will also have the opportunity to visit important parts of the island in an exciting jeep tour...the "One happy Jeep Tour." As they travel by De Palm Tours jeeps, there will be a "story-teller" at each stop who will share information about each attraction. Participants will be later quizzed about their visit and could win prizes. Each year the planning committee tries to make the program as exciting and memorable as possible for all participants.

Closing night will take place at the Radisson Aruba Resort & Casino, where the visitors will enjoy a delightful evening before returning to their destinations. The North American market is the largest market for our island, which means that ATCA is definitely a very important encounter for our tourism industry. Aruba Tourism Authority and all the people of Aruba wish all participants much success and an enjoyable stay on "dushi" Aruba!

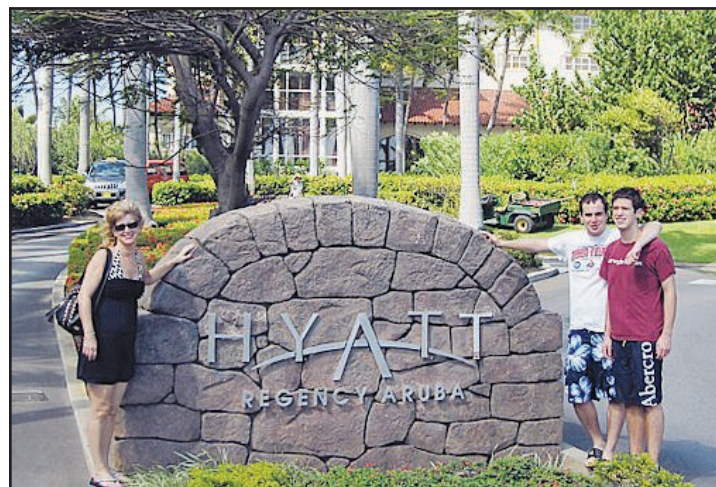
Hyatt has received the 2013 Gallup Great Workplace Award

PALM BEACH, ARUBA Hyatt Corporation announced that they has been named a recipient of the 2013 Gallup Great Workplace Award. This is the second year Hyatt has received the award, which is based on the most rigorous workplace research ever conducted. The Award recognizes the best-performing workforces in the world, and Hyatt has been chosen for their ability to create a productive and engaged workplace culture.

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Guests honored at Divi Phoenix



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New Labor Law provides increased protection for 80% of all laborers

ORANJESTAD -- The government considers it very important for the community to be fully aware of the 5 changes in our labor laws approved in Parliament. It is important for everyone to be aware of the benefits that these changes have wrought, says Minister of Labor, Otmar Oduber.

The salary limit has not been revised for the past 20 years here. The change in the law, which took effect on April 1st 2013, is extremely positive and covers 80% of our labor force with protection and benefits compared to the 60% of those who were covered under the old Labor Ordinance.

The salary limit under the old Labor Ordinance was Afls.32.214, - per year, which is Afls.2.685, 50 per month. The



new Ordinance provides for a double increase of the minimum wage (Afls.1.636, 70). Initially the factor 2 will be increased annually with 0.1 during a 5 year period up to a maximum of 2.5 times the minimum wage (article 3 AV 2013).

Someone who currently earns a monthly salary of Afls.3.273, 40 or a salary of Afls.39.380, 80 per year will be protected under the laws of the Labor Ordinance.

According to the government, anyone earning more than the afore mentioned amounts will not be covered by the Labor Ordinance. These persons will have to arrange for conditions inclusive in their work contract or in a collective working agreement.

The government wants to ensure that every employee in the labor force be given the proper job security and a stable work environment so that they can work in all tranquility and truly feel protected as a result of these changes in our Labor Laws.

DAO representatives will explain new labor laws during informative sessions

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba's Parliament just passed new labor laws that will effect every sector of Aruban business. The legal department of the Labor Office announced they will be conducting informative seminars over the next two months, to acquaint employers and workers with how these changes and new laws will affect them.

Aside from the two new laws going into effect, including one regarding temporary workers employed for over 12 months, 3 established laws have been changed. Changes are in regard to the Civil Code, Labor Ordinance, Minimum Salary, Temporary Workers and Administration of Labor Laws.

Informative session will begin on Friday, April 12, in the conference room of the Aruba Trade and Industry Association, ATIA headquarters in Dakota. The topic will particularly pertain to temporary workers, the agencies that place them and their client companies. The seminar will be from 2:00 until 4:00 PM. Each information seminar following the first will focus on a

particular area of employment and how it will be affected by the new laws.

On Tuesday, April 16, the informative session will be conducted in the auditorium of the EPI School and will pertain to the HORECA, HOtel/REstaurant/Cafe workers, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Changes in the law regarding those working in small and large commercial ventures will be explained on Tuesday, April 23 in the ATIA conference room from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Companies offering other miscellaneous services have and information session at the ATIA on Tuesday, May 21 beginning at 2:00 PM. The pro-

gram pertaining to construction companies and workers will be on Thursday, May 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the same venue.

DAO will return to the EPI auditorium on Thursday, May 30, with a presentation and Q & A session for the general public from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The information sessions will be conducted in Papiamentu.

Particular queries regarding these new laws can be submitted in writing to the DAO at e-mail address: leylaboral@hotmail.com. Inquiries can also be made at their office behind the DA Drugstore, or by calling their offices and asking for extension 297 or 284.

Oil Products prices
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The Ministry of Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs announces the retail prices for the following oil products as per April 10, 2013

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Aruba Blue Village provides accommodation to visiting athletes



Aruba Blue Village Hotel and Apartments hosted two different athletic groups during the

month of March 2013 coinciding this year's celebration of Aruba Flag day. As in the pre-

vious years, Aruba Blue Village provided accommodation needs to almost 100 athletes from Colombia, Venezuela and Curacao during the period March 12-19, 2013. The three participating countries were brought together by LIFIDA (Aruba's Youth Soccer Association) to strengthen friendship among neighboring countries thru the most popular sport – soccer.

The resort is also proud to have hosted 88 athletes from Curacao during the period March 29 to 31, 2013. The four groups from Curacao bested the country of Aruba in two major divisions in the recently played soccer tournament in Aruba.

Mr. Roy Helder, the president of Caravel Organization, was pleased with the great crowd of soccer supporters and players and was inspired to promote and organize soccer tournaments again in the succeeding years.

Aruba Blue Village and Apartments continues to support these tournaments by providing cheap and affordable room rates.

14 MPs and senators will not swear oath to new king

Fourteen members of the upper and lower houses of parliament will not swear allegiance to king Willem-Alexander when he takes over the throne on April 30.

The new king will technically be head of state and his investiture is constitutionally a special meeting of both houses of parliament.

Most of the dissident parliamentarians said they still plan to attend the investiture in the Nieuwe Kerk in Amsterdam despite refusing to swear allegiance. Several others will be on holiday.

Members of the Socialist Party, pro-animal PvdD and GroenLinks said earlier they will not swear allegiance. Now

four Labour members have come forward.

Former Labour chairman Ruud Koole, now a senator, said the oath does not fit in with a modern monarchy and the text is archaic. The new monarch 'should swear to uphold the constitution and that is where it should end,' he said.

US probes pilot texting in fatal helicopter crash

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US government is investigating pilot texting in the 2011 crash of an emergency medical helicopter that killed all four people onboard.

At a public hearing yesterday, officials of the National Transportation Safety Board revealed evidence suggesting that text messaging by the pilot contributed to the crash near Mosby, Missouri.

NTSB chairwoman Deborah Hersman said the accident "juxtaposes old issues of pilot decision making with a 21st century twist: distractions from portable electronic devices."

The independent government safety agency has blamed texting for road and rail accidents, including a 2008 California head-on train crash that killed 25 people.

In the case of the helicopter crash, the pilot was "both distracted and fatigued," said NTSB investigator Bill Bramble.

But topping the safety issues involved in the crash was "distraction due to personal texting," the NTSB said.

The Eurocopter AS350 B2 helicopter, operated by LifeNet, was transporting a patient to a hospital in Liberty, Missouri, when it crashed on August 26, 2011 about one mile short of

where the pilot hoped to refuel.

The pilot, accompanied by a flight nurse and flight paramedic, had acknowledged he was running short of fuel and intended to refuel at Mosby.

Evidence suggested the pilot was distracted by text messaging during the period when the helicopter was being returned to service to pick up the patient, during both flights and between flights, the safety board said.

The "unnecessary, self-induced distraction" occurred when safety-critical activities were being performed on the ground and in the air, Bramble said.

Among the preflight problems, the helicopter took off to pick up the patient with just one hour of fuel onboard, though the pilot reported two hours of fuel available.

Eventually the helicopter lost power because it had less than one liter of fuel remaining, according to the NTSB's initial findings.

The pilot also was fatigued, having slept a maximum of five hours the previous night due to personal activities.

Hersman said the Mosby accident involved "perhaps the most crucial and time-honored aspect of safe flight: aeronautical decision making."

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Dutch chippies to offer cannabis mayonnaise fries



THE HAGUE (AFP) - A chain of Dutch chip shops is to start offering cannabis mayonnaise on their fries, but the resulting snack will not give you the munchies or make you high.

"I had the idea because I smell the cannabis coming from the coffee shop opposite my chip shop in Amsterdam every day," Manneken Pis chip shop chain owner Albert van Beek told AFP yesterday.

Unlike the cannabis sold in Dutch coffee shops, the mayonnaise will contain none of the active ingredient THC.

"It's just about the taste, we specialise in sauces and we constantly want to diversify," Van Beek said.

Menus will clearly state that the mayonnaise, vastly more popular with chips in the Netherlands and Belgium than ketchup or vinegar, contains no euphoric THC.

From across Europe, admirers lay flowers at Thatcher's doorstep

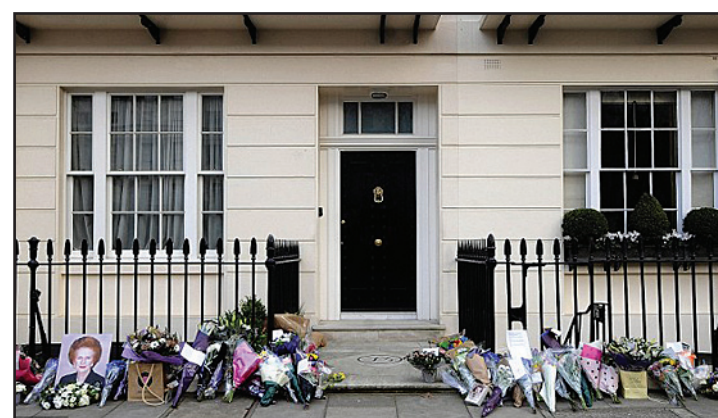
LONDON (AFP) - Outside Margaret Thatcher's plush central London townhouse, a slow but steady stream of well-wishers laid flowers yesterday in tribute to the late British premier.

The creamy-white four-storey home where a frail Thatcher spent her quiet final years is on Chester Square, a plush oasis of calm two streets away from London's busy Victoria railway terminus.

Its reinforced black door, with a brass lion knocker, is reminiscent of the famous front door of 10 Downing Street, just a mile and a half (2.5 kilometres) away, from where Thatcher governed Britain from 1979 to 1990.

Two police officers guard the doorway as sympathisers quietly lay their tributes to the "Iron Lady," who died Monday.

Thatcher's home is a few minutes' walk from London's main bus terminal, where countless newcomers from the new democracies of eastern Europe first set foot on British soil. Among those who came to lay flowers were immigrants from such countries, which Thatcher steadfastly fought to



liberate from communism.

From Ostrava in the eastern Czech Republic, Martin Wolf, 37, works at the upmarket Mandarin Oriental hotel in London where Thatcher staged her 80th birthday party.

He thought it was partly down to Thatcher's influence that people from eastern Europe are free to live and work in Britain.

"She was very friendly with our country and went there after the communist time," he told AFP. "I'm very sad. I'm interested in everything about her life. She was, for me, a great, great woman. She is a big icon. People of course remember her in the Czech Republic."

He was dismayed at how some left-wing Britons have been celebrating her death.

"I'm shocked. How is this possible? Maybe she wasn't right all the time but I think this is horrible," he said.

As a van delivered another impressive bouquet, Diaconu Dumitru, 33, from Craiova in southern Romania, who works as a chef in a Vietnamese restaurant, also laid flowers by the black wrought-iron fence in front of the house.

"It's a sad day because she was a great lady. A good politician. She had a lot of very brilliant ideas. She put a big value on ending the Cold War. I have read a lot of things about her," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US college student wounds 14 in Texas stabbing



Air ambulance personnel rush a victim wounded in the stabbing attack to hospital.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US college student yesterday wounded 14 people, two of them critically, in an apparently unprovoked mass stabbing in Texas, police said, announcing that a suspect had been taken into custody.

Authorities were alerted to a "male on the loose, stabbing people," shortly after 11:00am at Lone Star College near Houston, Sheriff Adrian Garcia, of the Harris County Sheriff's Office, told reporters.

"A suspect has been taken into custody, a white male, that we believe is approximately 21 years of age, and currently en-

rolled," he said, confirming the reported number of victims, two of whom refused treatment.

The college was placed on lockdown after the alert was raised, with students being taken off campus while buildings were searched for the suspect.

An alert on the school's website said the incident occurred "near and around the Health Science Center and remains an active crime scene with changing and evolving information." The college was due to reopen today.

Top EU states launch project to clamp down on tax-dodgers

PARIS (AFP) - The EU's five biggest economies yesterday announced a pilot project to exchange more information between them in a move to clamp down on secret bank accounts held abroad.

In a letter to the European Commission, Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain said they had agreed to work on setting up a multilateral exchange facility which "will not only help in catching and deterring

tax evaders but it will also provide a template as to the wider multilateral agreement we hope to see in due course."

It also encouraged other European Union members to join the project.

The facility is inspired by the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act set up in the US in 2010 which requires all Americans to declare their overseas accounts. The law also requires foreign banks and financial institutions to report the balances, receipts and withdrawals of American account holders to US tax authorities.

The letter to the EU, of which AFP obtained a copy, also stated that the countries "look forward to discussing how progress can be made within Europe on improving tax information exchange between all member states," and urged for progress on a 2011 directive that "provides for mandatory exchange of information".

EU Tax Commissioner Algirdas Semeta welcomed the move, saying that "automatic

exchange of information, which has been the long-time EU standard, is the only way forward. The recent evolution of the US approach further confirms this."

"I can only support any effort to speed up expanding the scope of automatic exchange and of pushing our standard globally."

Austria and Luxembourg are the only EU members that do not participate in an automatic exchange of information on EU residents who have bank accounts in their countries. Luxembourg announced over the weekend however that it was prepared to lift the controversial measure, while Austria has only gone as far as to say that it is prepared to discuss it.

The French government descended into a crisis after the country's former budget minister and tax tsar, Jerome Cahuzac, recently admitted to having stashed away hundreds of thousands of euros in a secret bank account abroad for about two decades.

Vet drug bute found in British corned beef

LONDON (AFP) - British supermarket chain Asda yesterday recalled all of its budget corned beef range after veterinary drug phenylbutazone was found in some samples.

The product was withdrawn last month after traces of horse DNA were discovered, and further analysis revealed the presence of "bute" at the level of four parts per billion (4ppb). It is the first time bute has been found in a meat sample, according to the Food Standards Agency, and no other Asda products are thought to be affected.

The FSA assured customers that the chances of anyone falling ill after eating such meat were minimal.

"Horse meat containing phenylbutazone presents a very low risk to human health," said Chief Medical Officer Professor Dame Sazone.

Phenylbutazone, known as bute, is a commonly used medicine in horses. It is also prescribed to some patients who are suffering from a severe form of arthritis," she added.

AT SEA, PACIFIC OCEAN : This still image, from video provided by the US Navy yesterday, shows a remote-controlled target aircraft as it is hit by the Laser Weapon System (LaWS) during an exercise in the Pacific Ocean conducted by a technical team from the Naval Surface Weapons Center Dahlgren Division and managed & funded by the Office of Naval Research ONR, Naval Sea Systems Command, The Office of the Secretary of Defense OSD High Energy Laser Joint Technology Office and supported by USFleet Forces Command. LaWS can be directed onto targets from the radar track obtained from a MK 15 Phalanx Close-In Weapon system or other targeting source. The Office of Naval Research's Solid State Laser (SSL) portfolio includes LaWS development and upgrades providing a quick reaction capability for the fleet with an affordable SSL weapon prototype. This capability provides Navy ships a method for Sailors to easily defeat small boat threats and aerial targets without using bullets.



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International News

Dutch journalist in Cairo released

CAIRO (AFP) - A Dutch journalist was briefly detained in Cairo after a group of Egyptians accused her of spying as she interviewed people, a colleague and a police official said on Tuesday.

Freelance journalist Rena Netjes was carrying out interviews for a report on youth unemployment on Monday when passers-by accused her of spying and handed her over to police, Dutch colleague Bas Altena told AFP.

Netjes was released on Tuesday afternoon after spending the night in jail, lawyer Ragia Omran said.

Dutch ambassador Gerard Steeghs wrote on his Twitter account that Netjes was freed after he had spoken with the state prosecutor.

"But she will have to update her Egyptian press card. I just picked her up," he wrote on Twitter.

Bas Altena, her colleague, said over the telephone from Amsterdam that Netjes called him after her arrest and told

him she had spent the night in jail and was taken to a court on Tuesday morning.

"They were saying: you're a spy, you're a spy," she recounted to Altena of her arrest.

The Dutch radio station BNR which employs Netjes quoted her as saying she was interviewing a group of youths in a cafe when the owner asked to see her passport. He then accused her of inventing stories and called the police.

She said police found text messages on her phone, of the sort activists send to journalists, calling for President Mohamed Morsi's overthrow, according to BNR's website.

A police official told AFP that Netjes would face questioning on the text messages found on her mobile.

Some Egyptians view foreigners with suspicion. A television advertisement sponsored by a security service had warned Egyptians not to reveal information to foreigners who might be spies.

Israeli settler gets life for 1997 Palestinian murders

JERUSALEM (AFP) - An Israeli court on Tuesday sentenced an extreme rightwing US-born Jewish settler to two life terms in prison for the murder of two Palestinians in 1997.

Jack Teitel, 40, was found guilty in January of murdering a bus driver and a shepherd, as well as of two separate attempted murders, illegal possession of weapons and incitement to violence.

The religious activist was handed two life sentences by the Jerusalem District Court, one for each of his victims, and will have to pay compensation of 180,000 shekels (\$47,000/36,000 euros) to each of their families.

Teitel was also sentenced to 30 years for the two attempted murders and other offences.

"I have no regrets or sorrow," Teitel told journalists after the trial, saying he was "proud of being in the service of God."

Delivering sentence, Judge Yoed Cohen said: "The day after Holocaust Memorial Day -- which marks the deaths of millions of Jews at the hands

of a racist, insane ideology -- one man, a Jew, must remember that you should never kill."

At the January hearing, the court ruled that Teitel was mentally competent when he carried out the offences, and rejected his lawyers' arguments that their client had not been mentally stable and was therefore not guilty.

The father-of-four from the West Bank settlement of Shvut Rachel has been branded by the Israeli press as a "Jewish terrorist."

He was arrested in 2009.

In January, he admitted carrying out a 2008 bomb attack on the home of leading leftwing Israeli professor Zeev Sternhell, wounding him.

Sternhell said on Israeli television of Teitel's sentencing: "The phenomenon of political violence is a daily occurrence in Israel, even if Teitel is its most extreme manifestation."

Teitel also admitted sending a parcel bomb to a Jewish couple who accept Jesus as the Messiah, wounding their 15-year-old son.

Teitel, who immigrated from the United States, is also known for his hatred of homosexuals, calling for the murder of "sodomites".

Settlers frequently clash with Palestinians in the West Bank but killings are rare. The most infamous incident was the 1994 massacre of 29 Palestinians by a radical American-born settler in a mosque in the West Bank city of Hebron.

Gunmen kill 12 peacekeepers and UN staff in South Sudan

JUBA (AFP) - Five Indian peacekeepers and at least seven UN civilian staff were killed yesterday in an ambush in South Sudan, officials said, a day after warnings about spiralling violence there.

The eastern state of Jonglei has been the scene of widespread ethnic conflict since South Sudan became independent in July 2011, with bloody battles between rival tribes, including the Dinka, Lou Nuer and Murle people.

Much of the trouble has been in Pibor county, where the UN peacekeeping force is based.

Bloody clashes between the army and a former theology scholar turned rebel called David Yau Yau from the Murle people have devastated large parts of this troubled region.

Amid renewed clashes between ethnic groups and government forces, UN troops have recently stepped up their patrols to deter violence and fulfil their mission of protecting civilians.

South Sudan's army launched the latest offensive against Yau Yau's rebels in March.

India is a major contributor to UN peacekeeping forces around the world and has suffered losses in the past.

The UN estimated that over 600 people were killed and around 300 in smaller revenge attacks.

A subsequent state-wide disarmament campaign led by security forces and mired in claims from rights groups of abuses against civilians, pushed some residents towards Yau Yau's militia.



BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos led a march for peace through Bogota Tuesday, calling for an end to decades of armed conflict at a time when peace talks in Havana are under fire from his predecessor Alvaro Uribe. Hundreds of soldiers joined Santos and his cabinet ministers at the Plaza of the Fallen Heroes, one of seven starting points for the march by thousands of people, many of them in white T-shirts and carrying white flags. Santos has opened peace talks with the FARC, a leftist guerrilla group founded in 1964. Marchers, bearing signs with the slogan "We are a generation of peace," arrived on Bogota's central Plaza Bolivar at noon, when bells rang in churches across the country.

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Plastic chemical may expose fetuses to cancer: agency

PARIS (AFP) - France said Tuesday it would call for Europe-wide controls on a paper product containing bisphenol A after a watchdog agency said the widely-used chemical may expose unborn children to breast cancer later in life.

Bisphenol A, or BPA, is a common component of plastic bottles and the linings of food cans, but some studies have linked it to brain and nervous system problems, reproductive disorders and obesity.

It has been banned for use in baby bottles by the European Union, United States and Canada.

France's ANSES food safety agency urged pregnant women to avoid food preserved in lined cans, or drinking water from polycarbonate water fountains found in many office buildings which it said was a "source of exposure to bisphenol A".

It also advised them to avoid handling slips from shop tills, and urged further research into the risk of exposure for cashiers.

The agency said bisphenol A could pose health risks to unborn children if their mothers ingested, inhaled or repeatedly touched products that

contain it -- including thermal paper used in some kinds of cash register slips or ATM receipts.

Bisphenol is also commonly found on CDs and DVDs and plastic containers used for microwave cooking or fridge storage.

Ecology and Energy Minister Delphine Batho said that on the basis of the ANSES report, France would recommend that the European Commission ban the use of bisphenol A in thermal paper receipts.

In a report summarising several global scientific studies on the topic up to July 2012, ANSES said its experts were "moderately" confident of the evidence pointing to a risk to babies in the womb, though the danger for other people remained unclear.

The risk "may be characterised... by increased sensitivity of the mammary gland to the formation of tumours. The risk potentially concerns both sexes," said the report.

There was also a possible risk for the foetus' brain, metabolism and reproductive system, it added.

ANSES stressed there were still many uncertainties in the data.

Advised by agencies like ANSES, the French parliament in December voted to ban BPA in baby food packaging from 2013 and in all food containers from 2015.

The chemical is still used around the world in plastic products, and the United States said last year it would not impose a general ban of BPA as there was no evidence of harm to adults.

In February, a report on an analysis of 150 scientific studies said bisphenol A may be used in quantities too small to affect human health.

Indo-Canadian student gives boost to cancer treatment

OTTAWA (AFP) - A Canadian high school student has improved an ineffective experimental cancer therapy with a simple tweak -- pairing it with antibiotics -- earning accolades from a panel of eminent scientists.

Cancer "photothermal therapy" -- or PTT -- involves injecting a patient with gold nanoparticles. These then accumulate in tumors and, when heated using light, attack the cancer cells.

The idea has shown promise but is not very effective because the cancer cells fight back, producing heat-shock proteins to protect themselves.

However, India-born high school student Arjun Nair, 16, showed how an antibiotic (17-AAG) may overcome the defenses cancer cell deploy and make the treatment more effective.

The discovery earned Nair the top prize in the 20th Sanofi BioGENEius Challenge Canada.



SHANGHAI (AFP) - China's bird flu outbreak is "devastating" poultry sales, an industry group said Tuesday as the death toll from the H7N9 virus rose to nine. Since China announced over a week ago that H7N9 avian influenza had been found in humans for the first time, the number of people confirmed to have been infected has risen to 28. Chinese authorities say they do not know how the virus is spreading, though it is believed the infection is passing from birds to humans. China has been hit by a series of food scandals in recent years, some caused by producers deliberately using sub-standard or illegal ingredients, making the public wary over what they consume.

Lead In Baby Food - Targeted By Lawsuit



-- Baby food makers like Gerber and Del Monte Foods are being targeted by a lawsuit from an environmental group over product labeling.

The trial that is currently underway in California will decide whether these large baby food companies should place warning labels on their products being sold in the state.

The environmental group, Environmental Law Foundation, claims that these companies are selling products with high enough levels of lead to require sufficient labeling under Proposition 65 which ensures that companies warn

consumers of a toxin when they are at 1/1000th of the amount deemed as a public health risk.

But the companies claim that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration tested their products and did not find lead levels to be high enough to require warning labels, according to their lawyers.

And even more, the defense argues that lead occurs naturally in the fruits and vegetables that comprise their products-and if they can prove this claim, it could exempt them from having to implement warning labels.

And with pending litigation over the labeling question, the plaintiffs hope that companies will work toward having no lead in their products because of the fear of losing business due to the threat of unattractive warning labels.

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Sci-Tech

Microsoft, Oracle take Google to task at EU over Android phones

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Google was in the firing line again on Tuesday after a group of major companies, including Microsoft and Oracle, complained to the European Commission over Google's offerings for Android-powered mobile phones.

FairSearch said it had filed a complaint with the Commission, charging that the Internet giant wanted Android operators to use its leading applications such as Maps or YouTube.

It said Google's Android is the dominant smartphone operating system, accounting for 70 percent at end-2012, while it had 96 percent of mobile phone search advertising.

The companies grouped in FairSearch have also complained about Google in the Commission's 2010 anti-trust probe of the firm which has focused on its dominance of the Internet search market.

Last week, six European countries, including France and Britain, launched joint action against Google to try to get it to scale back new monitoring powers that watchdogs believe violate EU privacy protection rules.

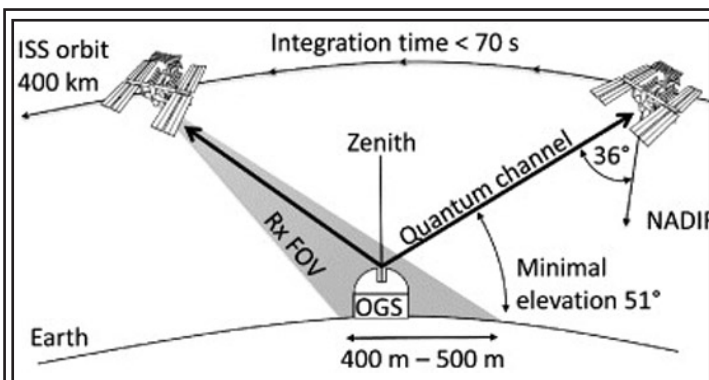
Google last year rolled out a common user privacy policy for its services that grouped some 60 previous sets of rules into one and allowed the company to track users more closely to develop targeted advertising.

The action came after the European Union's 27 member states warned Google in October not to apply the new policy and gave it four months to make changes or face legal action.

When that deadline expired in February, several European data protection agencies set up a task force to pursue coordinated action against the US giant.

Google has repeatedly maintained that its privacy policy respects European law, although earlier this month Google agreed to pay a \$7 million fine in the United States for stealthily collecting data from private Wi-Fi hotspots via a mapping service.

EU Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia told the New York Times on Tuesday that Google was due to receive proposals this week as part of the probe into possible abuses in its search business.



- - A group of European researchers has proposed the largest quantum network yet: Between Earth and the International Space Station. Such a network would see entangled photons transmitted over a distance of 250 miles — two or three times greater than previous quantum communication experiments. Not only will this be the first quantum experiment in space, but it will allow the scientists to see if entanglement really is instantaneous over long distances, and whether it's affected by gravity. *photo shows a diagram detailing the ground-to-ISS quantum experiments*

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- 5) Volunteer with community organizations that plant trees.
- 6) Ease up on the video games.
- 7) If parents recycle, allow kids to sort.
- 8) Use shopping bags when going to the grocery store.

Vatican prepares for adult stem cell conference

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - The Vatican will organise a conference to promote adult stem cell research as an alternative to research using destroyed human embryos, which is considered by the Roman Catholic Church as deeply unethical and less effective.

Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, head of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Culture, at a briefing on Tuesday said several leading world scientists would attend including Britain's John Gurdon, winner of the Nobel Prize for Medicine last year.

Ravasi said the upcoming meeting showed that the Church did "not intervene only negatively" in the debate on stem cell research and that its commitment to finding cures was not only "words".

The cardinal said he would personally present Pope Francis with the results of the three-day conference, which will

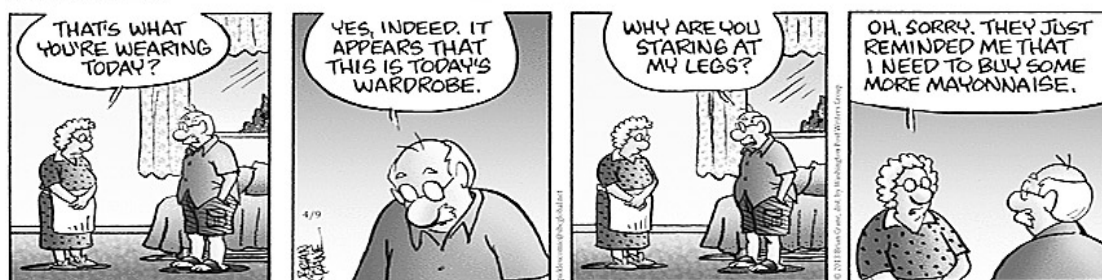
include examples of successful therapy using adult stem cells.

The conference follows a similar one held in November 2011 and like the previous one it is being organised together with the US laboratory NeoStem, headed up by Robin Smith, who is also president of the "Stem for Life Foundation".



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12. Heighten hair
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23. Architect I.M. —
24. Actress Kathy
27. Struggling for air
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33. Kanga's baby
34. Infused
37. Confine
39. Fishing aid
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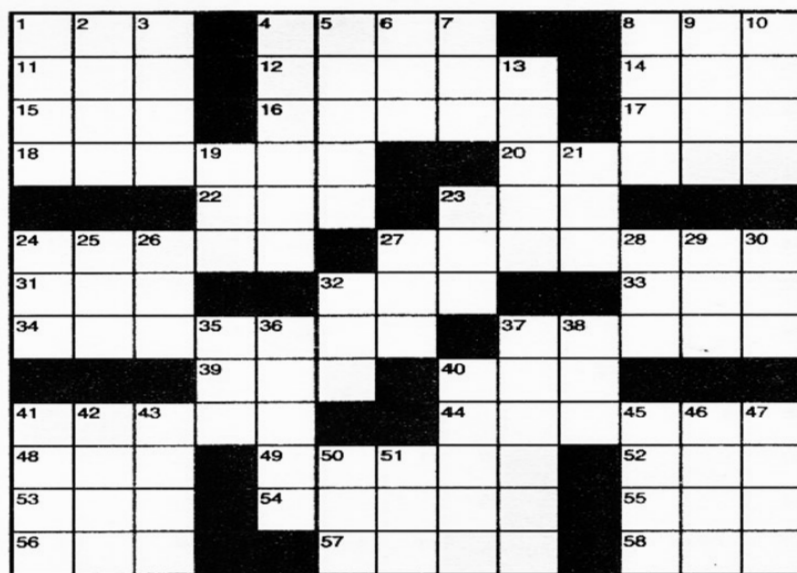
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4. Socrates' city
5. Pilsner and bock
6. Negligent
7. Compass dir.
8. Slangy reply
9. — even keel (2 wds.)
10. Tear asunder

13. Hard letters for

13. Hard letters for lispers
19. Neckline shape
21. Apple seed
23. Heckle, to Jeckle
24. Urban transport
25. Rearward
26. Baby's "piggy"
27. "— Bless America"
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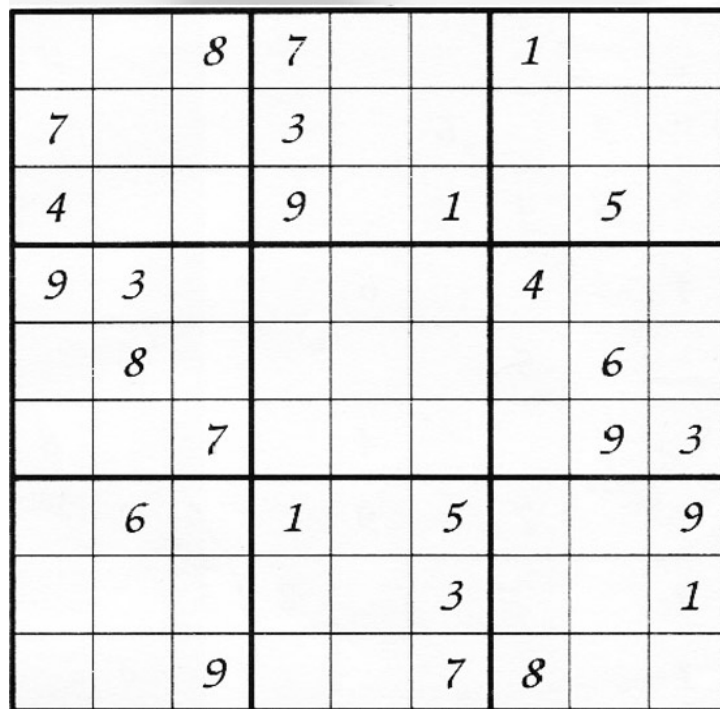
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Finance China inflation data, Iran lift oil prices

NEW YORK (AFP) - A subdued inflation report from China, Iran nuclear plans and a weaker dollar helped to lift oil prices Tuesday as the market awaited key US oil inventory data.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) for May, closed at \$94.20 a barrel, a gain of 84 cents from Monday.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in May jumped \$1.57 to settle at \$106.23 a barrel in London trade.

WTI prices rose "after China reported inflation eased more than people expected," said Bart Melek of TD Securities.

The Chinese government said the country's consumer price index rose 2.1 percent in March, well below the 10-month-high of 3.2 percent in February and below the 2.4 percent CPI reading forecast by analysts.

The slowdown in inflation eased investor concerns that Beijing would want to tighten monetary policy if inflation were heating up.

Traders also digested Iran's announcement of a new uranium production facility and two extraction mines only days after talks with world powers on its disputed nuclear program again ended in deadlock.

"Prices were buoyed by news that Iran was launching

two new nuclear programs," said James Williams of WTRG Economics.

Robert Yawger of Mizuho Securities USA said the dollar's weakness and anticipation of the US oil inventories report had supported the market.

A softer greenback makes dollar-priced oil more attractive to buyers using stronger currencies.

today, the US Department of Energy's weekly petroleum stockpiles report was expected to show another increase in crude oil supplies, to their highest level in 22 years, said Matt Smith of Schneider Electric.

According to analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires, the DoE will report an increase of 1.2 million barrels of crude oil in the week ending April 5.

Gasoline stockpiles in the world's largest economy were estimated to have fallen by 1.5 million barrels, and distillates, including diesel and heating fuel, were projected to fall by 900,000 barrels.

While The Dow Jones Industrial Average shook off early weakness Tuesday and pressed through to another record close, led by strong

gains in tech shares Microsoft and Intel.

The Dow rose 59.98 points (0.41 percent) to 14,673.46.

The broad-based S&P 500 jumped 5.54 (0.35 percent) to 1,568.61, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index added 15.61 (0.48 percent) to 3,237.86.

Technology shares drove the gains: Microsoft (+3.6 percent), Intel (+3.1 percent), Cisco (+1.9 percent) and Oracle (+2.1 percent).

A 2.1 percent rise by Dow member Caterpillar also helped.

Solar cell maker First Solar surged 45.5 percent after surprising the market with a forecast for strong sales through 2015. The company projected \$3.8-\$4 billion in net sales in 2013.

Struggling retail giant J.C. Penney sank 12.2 percent one day after replacing controversial chief executive Ron Johnson with Johnson's predecessor Myron Ullman.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 1.75 percent from 1.73 percent, while the 30-year bond edged to 2.93 percent from 2.90 percent. Bond prices move inversely to yields.

IMF warns central banks to keep eye on inflation

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund on Tuesday warned central banks to keep an eye on inflation and resist political pressure to focus policy only on lowering unemployment.

With many governments desperate to find ways to generate jobs, the IMF said, it is ever more important for central banks to assert their independence to keep an eye on all potential problems in the economy -- whether growth, prices, or jobs.

"In the wake of the Great Recession, there is political urgency to reduce unemployment," the IMF said in a section of its World Economic Outlook.

While the IMF played down the immediate threat of a surge in inflation, many economists remain concerned that the exceptionally loose monetary policies pursued by major central banks will eventually spark runaway price increases.

In the four years since the global financial crisis, advanced economies have unloaded massive monetary firepower to try to jump-start growth and create jobs.

The US Federal Reserve and the Bank of England have employed large bond-purchase programs, or quantitative easing (QE), while the European Central Bank has focused on lending.

Last week, the Bank of Japan announced an aggressive QE program and monetary policy to tackle deflation and end decades of tepid growth.

So far the wave of easy money has not yet unhinged widespread expectations that prices will remain tame amid weak growth.

In the past, inflation rose as unemployment fell, an inverse relationship known as the Phillips curve.

That relationship has flattened out, according to IMF analysts, and they now warn that inflation can suddenly pick up without an improvement in joblessness if other aspects of the situation change -- particularly market and consumer expectations about inflation.

Central banks would better serve their mission if they adopt a dual-mandate policy that would focus not only on inflation but on an explicit mandate to stabilize output, the IMF said.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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HEFEI (AFP) - This picture taken on April 7, 2013 shows a laborer working in a chemical plant in Hefei, central China's Anhui province. China's President Xi Jinping said on April 8, the days of "ultra-high speed" growth in the economy -- which many hope can spur a global recovery -- are probably over, partly as a result of official efforts to transform the country's growth model.

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Indian MP threatens hunger strike over Playboy club



PANAJI (AFP) - An Indian lawmaker has threatened to go on hunger strike if a Playboy nightclub is allowed to open in Goa, claiming it would promote prostitution in the tourist hub.

Michael Lobo, a state legislator in India's main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), is opposing a club proposed on Candolim beach -- the first of dozens of Playboy outlets planned across the country.

Despite assurances of no nudity in the clubs, Lobo said

it was "obvious" nobody would pay for membership "just to sit and eat groundnuts. They will try to get value for money".

PB Lifestyle, the Indian franchisee of the Playboy brand, announced plans in November to open 120 clubs, hotels, fashion cafes and shops in India over the next 10 years.

Goa's Tourism Minister Dilip Parulekar says the application for the first such club is under consideration, but reiterated warnings that they would "never allow vulgarity".

In a bid to appease the country's conservative values, Playboy has unveiled a new-look costume for the "bunny girl" waitresses in Indian outlets.

Playboy magazine remains banned in India, along with a host of other foreign "adult" publications, owing to obscenity laws banning material deemed "lascivious or appealing to prurient interests".

Renewed Rijksmuseum revamps the Golden Age



AMSTERDAM (AFP) - Amsterdam's world-famous Rijksmuseum revealed its eagerly-awaited 21st century identity after a vast 10-year renovation aimed at breathing new life into its unparalleled collection of Golden Age masterpieces. Architects and artisans have restored much of the original styling of the Gothic-Renaissance building, designed by Pierre Cuypers and first opened in 1885, but with extensive modern touches. The museum covers 800 years of Dutch history through 8,000 objects, distributed through 80 rooms. A one mile (1.5-kilometre) walk around the galleries will take you "from the Middle Ages to Mondrian."

Italian priest arrested for 4 million-euro fraud

ROME (AFP) - Italian police on last week arrested a priest accused of defrauding a Vatican-linked hospital in Rome that he managed of four million euros (\$5.1 million), part of which he used to buy an 18-room villa in Tuscany set on 23 hectares of land.

Father Franco Decaminada, a friar who took vows of poverty, has been placed under house arrest.

He headed up the prestigious Immaculate Institute of Dermopathology between 2004 and 2011.

The specialist hospital has been placed under administration after it registered losses of 600 million euros and pope Benedict XVI in one of his last acts as pontiff last month appointed a cardinal to resolve its economic woes.

The tax police said in a statement that Decaminada bought his villa in Tuscany for a million euros -- "essentially with the proceeds of his crime".

"The investigation traced fraud for a total of 14 million euros," the police said.

Italian media said police linked four million euros of that total directly to Decaminada.

Two businessmen are also under investigation and have also been placed under house arrest.

The hospital belongs to the "Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception", which was set up in the 19th century and became well-known for producing creams to treat ringworm.

The congregation manages two other hospitals.

The police said it had found daily operations in which the priest took money from the hospital as "reimbursement of costs" without justification.

The hospital has not paid its 1,500 employees including 300 doctors for several months.



Billionaire prince calls on Saudi to introduce polls



RIYADH (AFP) - Saudi billionaire prince Alwaleed bin Talal has called for parliamentary elections in the absolute monarchy where the king names members of a toothless Shura consultative council.

Prince Alwaleed, the richest Arab businessman and a nephew of King Abdullah, said in a television interview the monarch's January decision to appoint 30 women to the council was "very important" but needed to go further.

"For this to become historic, I think two things are essential: first, elections, even if partial, and, more importantly, (giving) powers," he said in the interview aired on several channels, most belonging to his media empire.

The prince also said that ending a ban on women driv-

ing in Saudi Arabia was a matter of time, despite strong resistance from religious conservatives in the desert kingdom that is the birthplace of Islam.

"I think that driving (for women) is definitely coming," he said, playing up the economic benefits of saving wages paid to foreign drivers.

Prince Alwaleed regretted the "negative" outcome of Arab Spring uprisings, saying the politics of new Islamist-dominated governments "do not reflect the aspirations of the people ... for freedom and justice."

The uprisings which toppled strong Arab leaders would not reach the Gulf monarchies, where "the leaders look after the interests of their peoples," said the prince.

Thatcher funeral set for next week in divided Britain



LONDON (AFP) - : Flowers and mementos left by members of the public and admirers sit outside the home of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in central London yesterday. Former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher who shaped a generation of British politics, died following a stroke Monday at the age of 87, her spokesman said. Britain stood deeply divided on Tuesday over the legacy of former prime minister Margaret Thatcher as it made preparations for the grand funeral next week of the woman known around the globe as the "Iron Lady". Tributes from world leaders who hailed her role in bringing down communism kept flooding in as the British government announced that Thatcher would be laid to rest on April 17 in London's St Paul's Cathedral. Queen Elizabeth II will lead the mourners at the ceremonial funeral, one step down from the state funeral given to legendary wartime leader Winston Churchill, but the same honour afforded to the Queen Mother and to Princess Diana.

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of its owners and your hosts, Ron and Elina.

Ron and Elina have a very congenial division of labor; he enjoys being bartender and playing around with his "cocktail of the day" while she sees to it that everyone is well satisfied with their meal. Chef Jan is in the kitchen doing his magic; patrons praise their spicy Firecracker Shrimp appe-

tizer and mushrooms stuffed with escargot, priced at \$9.50 and \$8.50, or the Smoked Trout Fillet for a real gourmet treat.

They are particularly popular for their "Build Your Own Barney Burger" using specially imported organic beef from Holland, guaranteed to have been raised without steroids or antibiotics, only \$9.50 with

fries and coleslaw. Patrons are handed a special hamburger checklist, which features a full menu of toppings, sauces and cheeses to customize your order to create the ideal burger. One can also opt for a second or third hamburger patty for a very nominal cost.

High end items on the menu, such as the Seafood Pasta, are only \$20.50. They also have a kid's menu with favorites such as a Kid's Burger, chicken fingers and Mac & Cheese; most items are only \$4. One regular described the place as particularly "kid-friendly," with Elina, a mother herself, having devised a number of methods to keep young ones entertained. The menu has a range to please patrons who are in the mood for something simple while other can be indulgent gourmands.

Tuesday through Saturday evenings they have specialty nights at bargain rates. Tuesday is Schnitzel Night, with a

choice of chicken or pork schnitzel prepared any of five ways, a platter with salad and side dish is \$17.50. Wednesday is "All you can eat grouper, prepared any of five ways, with veggies and side dish, \$19.50. Thursday they do it again with unlimited ribs done three ways for \$17.50 with salad, slaw and fries, Saturday means endless rib eye steak with salad and fries for \$19.50. Friday evening ends the work week with Karaoke Night, a convivial and fun evening when islanders kick back and let loose their inner rock star.

Barney's is located just next to the huge supermarket on the Palm Beach/Noord road, not far from the gas station. They are open from 5:00 to 11:00 PM and closed on Mondays. Check out their full menu at <http://www.barneysaruba.com> or call 586-5420 for reservations and directions.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet of-



fers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when

complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Football: 'Pressure off' as Bayern eye semis



Jupp Heynckes celebrates with his players

TURIN (AFP) - Arjen Robben yesterday said that Bayern Munich's recent Bundesliga title triumph has taken the pressure off as they look to qualify for their third Champions League semi-finals in four years against Juventus.

Bayern outclassed the Italian champions 2-0 in the first leg in Munich last week and history is against the hosts, who have never overturned a 2-0 first leg defeat in the competition.

Although the Bianconeri are hoping to end that streak on today, Robben warned that Bayern are feeling no pressure following their 23rd title triumph at the weekend with six matches remaining in the campaign.

Bayern -- beaten Champions League finalists in 2010 and 2012 -- have been particularly solid away from home this season but Robben believes that is simply part of what has been a sterling season so far.

Juventus will be hoping for a different outcome and come into the game still smarting from a jibe aimed last week at their goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, who was labelled a "pensioner" by honorary Bayern president Franz Beckenbauer

after he failed to stop the Germans' opener despite the ball being deflected.

While Juventus played down that remark, it should provide extra motivation for the Italians.

Bayern keeper Manuel Neuer, meanwhile, said: "Buffon remains a top goalkeeper and you can't forget he stopped us from winning 3-0 in the first leg."

Despite their 2-0 goal cushion, Bayern manager Jupp Heynckes said: "It doesn't change anything for us."

"We want to score an away goal and try to win this game. Juventus remain a top team, they've shown that on several occasions including in the Champions League."

Although Italian media has largely played up Beckenbauer's jibe at Buffon -- to the point that Juve striker Mirko Vucinic was quoted as saying the second leg would be "war" -- Heynckes was quick to put things into perspective.

Meanwhile the new Bundesliga winners Bayern Munich will officially receive the championship shield after their final home game against Augsburg on May 11, the German Football League (DFL) said on Tuesday.

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Football: Van der Vaart made new Hamburg captain

BERLIN (AFP) - Hamburg coach Thorsten Fink has made Dutch midfielder star Rafael van der Vaart captain for the last six league games of the season in a bid to halt his team's slump and win a Europa League place.

Hamburg are reeling after losing their last three games including the 9-2 hammering at Bayern Munich ten days ago before being floored by a 1-0 home defeat at the hands of Freiburg last Saturday.

Germany defender Heiko Westermann has been relieved of the captaincy with the armband handed to ex-Real Madrid and Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Van der Vaart with Hamburg four points from a Europa League place with six games left.

"I want to make him more responsible, he has to be a role model on the field and a leader," said Fink of Van der Vaart with Hamburg at Mainz 05 on Saturday.

Having read the riot act to his team after a lacklustre performance against Freiburg, Fink said he no longer had the feeling centre-back Westermann, who has been captain since August 2010, can both anchor the defence and lead the team.

"Heiko is a great player and a real pro, but I think he currently can't manage his own performance and still take care of all the other things," said Fink.

"I have the feeling it will help him to be able to concentrate on his performance."

Van der Vaart has captained Hamburg before, from 2006 until 2008, in his first stint at the north German club.

Angels' Weaver out 4-6 wks with broken left elbow



LOS ANGELES -- Los Angeles Angels starting pitcher Jered Weaver has a fracture in his left elbow and is out 4-6 weeks. Weaver broke the bone diving awkwardly trying to get out of the way of a comebacker on Sunday. The good news is that the break isn't in his throwing arm, so Weaver should be able to return with no setbacks once the arm heals. Of greater concern is whether Weaver's right arm is also injured.

Boxing: Japan's Yamanaka maintains WBC title



TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's Shinsuke Yamanaka defeated Malcolm Tunacao of the Philippines by technical knockout to defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight title on Monday. Yamanaka, 30, floored the challenger twice in the third round with a straight left. And it was the same straight left shot that knocked a bloodied Tunacao to the canvas one minute and 57 seconds into the 12th, for the referee to top the fight.

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Jay-Z looking looking to become NBA agent



-- Entertainment mogul and rapper Jay-Z has started the process of divesting his small share of ownership with the Brooklyn Nets to extend his Roc Nation Sports representation business into basketball.

NBA rules mandate that no one individual affiliated with a

player representation company can have an ownership stake with an NBA team.

Jay-Z's Roc Nation company has partnered with Creative Artists Agency (CAA) to launch a sports representation business that recently secured New York Yankees star Robinson Cano.

The process is expected to be completed in time for Roc Nation to compete for players entering the June NBA draft, but there's no guarantee of the timing, sources said.

Among NBA, NBPA and Nets constituencies, there are several hurdles to overcome before a formal announcement will be made.

Golf: Balanced Tiger still hungers to pass Nicklaus



AUGUSTA (AFP) - Tiger Woods says he is enjoying a more balanced life in many ways, but his hunger to overtake Jack Nicklaus' career record of 18 major golf titles remains as great as ever.

"I would like to be able to get to that point," Woods said Tuesday. "It took Jack a while to get to 18, all the way until he was 46 years old, so there's plenty of opportunities for me."

The 37-year-old American seeks his 15th major title starting Thursday in the 77th Masters at Augusta National, where Woods has won four times but has not taken home

the green jacket since 2005.

Woods has not won any major title since the 2008 US Open, hindered by nagging leg injuries and an infamous sex scandal that led to a divorce, but he has won three times this year and hopes to end his major drought.

World No. 1 Woods made it clear that he thinks that, on the verge of his 19th Masters start, he is only halfway through his career and that he will have many more years to chase his boyhood dream of passing Nicklaus.

"That's one of the neat things about our career -- it's so long," Woods said. "We have an opportunity to play basically 30 years solidly at a high level. Some of the guys come out here at 20 and have done well into their 50s."

Woods revealed last month his new girlfriend is US ski star Lindsey Vonn and on Tuesday showed a more relaxed side than in a typical Masters week.

"I think life is all about having a balance and trying to find equilibrium and not getting things one way or the other and I feel very balanced," Woods said. "It's just a balance in life and I think that's what you're seeing."

There clearly is something to see, a lighter tone than Woods has adopted, partly from the fact he made himself the man to beat this week with wins at Torrey Pines, Doral and Bay Hill and stronger putting than he has had in years.

"I feel comfortable with every aspect of my game," Woods said. "I feel that I've improved and I've got more consistent and I think the wins show that."

"It's something that I'm proud of so far this year and hopefully I can continue it this week and the rest of the year."

Woods said that he stopped playing early morning practice rounds in favor of later sessions this week because he "just wanted to mess with (reporters). Did it work? Maybe?"

Woods pondered being an elder statesman at Augusta as an honorary starter the way Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player are this year.

"What's the minimum age, 70-plus?" Woods said with a smile. "Jack's the youngest right now. Yeah, that's a long time. Let me just try to get to 40 first."

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"Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera, right, celebrates with teammate Torii Hunter (48) after hitting a three-run home run



"Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera watches his three-run home run

Prince Fielder added an RBI double and Matt Tu-iasosopo chipped in an RBI single for the Tigers.

Melky Cabrera had three hits, including the 1,000th of his career, and drove in a run for Toronto. Jose Bautista returned to the Blue Jays lineup after missing three games with a right ankle sprain. Serving as the designated hitter, Bautista went hitless in four at-bats.

Toronto starter Brandon Morrow (1-0) gave up five runs and nine hits in 3 2/3 innings to absorb the loss in Toronto's first road game. He allowed single runs in the first and second inning and left after surrendering Cabrera's two-out homer.

Detroit left fielder Don Kelly robbed Blue Jays catcher J.P. Arencibia of a second-inning homer, leaping and crashing into the left-field fence in the process. Kelly started because Tigers designated hitter Victor Martinez missed the game after suffering a cut on his right thumb that required eight stitches. Andy Dirks, the regular left fielder, served as the DH.

Morrow also got an assist from his defense in the third, as right fielder Rajai Davis threw out Hunter at home after a Cabrera single.

DETROIT -- Reigning American League Most Valuable Player Miguel Cabrera had four hits and drove in four runs as the Detroit Tigers thumped the Toronto Blue Jays 7-3 in the opener of a three-game series at Comerica Park on Tuesday.

Cabrera hit his first homer of the season, a three-run blast, while Torii Hunter reached 2,000 career hits with a three-hit effort. Cabrera's fourth-inning homer, which just cleared the right-field fence, made him the first player to have 100 at Comerica Park.

Anibal Sanchez (1-0) held Toronto to two runs in seven innings and struck out eight. Alex Avila had a solo homer -- his second this season --

Champions League quarter-final: Real Madrid into last four despite defeat



Ronaldo celebrating his goal at 8min into the match

STANBUL (AFP) - Real Madrid withstood a second-half onslaught from Galatasaray to qualify for their third successive Champions League semi-final 5-3 on aggregate, despite losing 3-2 on the night.

Already leading 3-0 from the first-leg last week, it took Los Blancos just eight minutes to build on their advantage as Sami Khedira crossed for Cris-

tiano Ronaldo to prod home from close range.

However, after Ronaldo had missed a guilt edged opportunity to double his tally on the night, Galatasaray produced a remarkable comeback as Emmanuel Eboue thumped in an equaliser from the edge of the box.

Wesley Sneijder and Didier Drogba then added two goals in a minute to ensure a nervy

final 18 minutes for Madrid.

Alvaro Arbeloa saw two quick-fire yellow cards a minute from time to ensure he will miss the first-leg of the semi-final, before Ronaldo sealed Madrid's path into the last four with another sweet strike in stoppage time.

Madrid had been warned about the wall of noise they would face in Istanbul but just like in the first leg, they started in perfect fashion.

While in Germany Borussia Dortmund scored twice in added time to seal a dramatic 3-2 quarter-final, second-leg win at home to Malaga on Tuesday to reach the last four of the Champions League.

Dortmund go through 3-2 on aggregate after last Wednesday's first leg finished goalless and are into the semi-finals for the first time since 1998.



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